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Dear Examiner Cook,

Attached are our proposed amendments for Serial No. 09/866458. I look forward to speaking with you about them today at 11 am your time, 10 am my time. I will initiate the telephone call.

FYI – I can be reached at 612-349-9580 and my email is pjurkovich@slwk.com.

Very truly yours,
Patti Jurkovich

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Title: USE OF SEROTONIN AGENTS FOR ADJUNCT THERAPY IN THE
TREATMENT OF CANCER

DRAFT AMENDED CLAIM SET

35. (New) A method of inhibiting the growth of a melanoma cell comprising contacting the melanoma cell with an effective amount of a serotonin agent. *reuptake*

36. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the serotonin agent is a serotonin reuptake inhibitor.

37. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the serotonin agent is a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI).

38. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the serotonin agent is selected from fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, and citalopram, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

39. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the serotonin agent is fluoxetine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

40. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the melanoma cell is a pigmented cell.

41. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the melanoma cell is a non-pigmented cell.

42. (New) A method for the treatment of melanoma in a mammal, which method comprises administering to said mammal an effective anti-melanoma amount of a serotonin agent. *in need thereof*

43. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the serotonin agent is administered orally, subcutaneously, topically, or intravenously.

44. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the serotonin agent is a serotonin reuptake inhibitor.

45. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the serotonin agent is a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI).

46. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the serotonin agent is selected from fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, and citalopram, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

47. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the serotonin agent is fluoxetine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

48. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the mammal is a human.

49. (New) A method of inhibiting metastasis, comprising administering an effective metastatic-inhibiting amount of a serotonin agent to a mammal.
in a mammal in need thereof

50. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the serotonin agent is administered orally, subcutaneously, topically, or intravenously.

51. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the serotonin agent is a serotonin reuptake inhibitor.

52. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the serotonin agent is a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI).

53. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the serotonin agent is selected from fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, and citalopram, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

54. (New) The method of claim 53, wherein the serotonin agent is fluoxetine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

55. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the mammal is a human.